International Federation and Indian Olympic Association (IOA), its all India spread, internal financial and management practices and standards, electoral practices etc. The Guidelines also provide for suspension and de-recognition of NSFs in the event of serious irregularities.

Apart from above, the Government is also considering formulation of a Model Code of Conduct for NSFs. The suggestions of NSFs will also be invited as and when the Model Code of Conduct is finalized.

Ban on Sports Sponsorships by Cigarette Companies

4428. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to ban Cigarette Company's sponsorships in all sports organisations;

(b) if so, the details of its impact on Sports Organisations;

(c) whether Government are considering alternatives to the sponsorships; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the adverse impact of tobacco on health, and, with a view to discourage use of tobacco products, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has introduced an anti-tobacco legislation Bill, "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2001 on 7-3-2001 in the Rajya Sabha.

There may be shortfall in sponsorship of sporting activities in the immediate future due to decision to ban sponsorships by Cigarette Companies.

(c) and (d) Government will explore the possibility of locating alternative sponsors to fill the void in financial support to Indian Sports. Besides, major events will be organized through professional agencies to supplement Government's efforts.